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SUBJECT: GOZ WAGE CONTROLS EXTENDED TO PRIVATE SECTOR

REF: KINSHASA A-138

1. PRIVATE FIRMS IN KINSHASA AREA HAVE RECEIVED FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL ECONOMY CIRCULAR NO. BCE/ENI/002755/75 GIVING DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF WAGE REDUCTIONS ORDERED BY MOBUTU MAY 20, 1975 (REFAIR). ZAIRIANS WHOSE NET MONTHLY EARNINGS ARE BETWEEN \$320 AND \$4000 WILL BE AFFECTED. CUTS TO BE SCALED ACCORDING TO SALARY BRACKET. AT 302, REDUCTION WILL BE ON ORDER OF .1PERCENT, AT \$4000, ABOUT 54 PERCENT. NET MONTHLY EARNINGS DEFINED AS INCLUDING ALL ELEMENTS OF MONETARY COMPENSATION. SAVINGS REALIZED FROM THESE REDUCTIONS WILL BE PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO GOZ TREASURY. "THIRTEENTH" AND "FOURTEENTH" MONTH (YEAR-END BONUSSES) ARE NO LONGER TO BE PAID.

COMMENT:

2. THROUGH CIRCULAR STATES THAT PERSONS NETING LESS THAN \$302 WILL NOT BE AFFECTED, SUPPRESSION OF 13TH AND 14TH MONTHS WILL REDUCE INCOMES BLOW THAT LEVEL. LOSS OF 13TH MONTH WILL MEAN CUT OF APPROXIMATELY 7.5 PERCENT FOR AVERAGE FACTORY WORKER. THIS IN PERIOD OF SHARPLY RISING LIVING COSTS (UP SOME 35 PERCENT

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LAST YEAR). MEASURE IS EXPECTED TO ADD SIGNIFICANTLY TO SMOLDERING

SOLCIAL DISCONTENT. BUT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT EMASCULATED UNTZA
WILL BE ABLE TO VOICE EFFECTIVE PROTEST TO THIS MAJOR INCURSION
INTO LAST REMAINING AREA OF FREELY-BARGAINED WAGES AND BENEFITS.
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